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**Child Abuse and Neglect Expert Panel  
(Maryland CHAMP)  
Fiscal Year 2016 Report**

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## **Background**

Chapter 334 of the Acts of 2005 (SB 782) charged the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (the Department) to establish the Child Abuse and Neglect Centers of Excellence Initiative and to appoint and convene the Child Abuse and Neglect Expert Panel (the Expert Panel). The Expert Panel is charged with reviewing the appropriateness of Current Procedural Terminology codes and billing protocols for services related to child abuse and neglect, determining if diagnosis and treatment data could be utilized to provide statistics on the extent of child abuse and neglect in the State, and reviewing activities of the Centers of Excellence Initiative. The Expert Panel consists of representatives from the Department, the Department of Human Resources, the Maryland Children's Alliance, and the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics' Child Maltreatment and Emergency Department Committees (Appendix A: Child Abuse and Neglect Expert Panel Members). In 2008, pursuant to Md. Ann. Code Health-General Art., §13-2201, the Child Abuse and Neglect Centers of Excellence Initiative was renamed Maryland Child Abuse Medical Providers (CHAMP).

Child maltreatment is a common and serious public health concern. According to the Maryland Department of Human Resources' Child Protective Services, in fiscal year (FY) 2016 there were 21,346 cases of alleged child abuse and neglect in Maryland (Appendix B: Child Abuse and Neglect by Jurisdiction). Child maltreatment results in significant morbidity, mortality, and costs. Due to the complex nature of child abuse and neglect investigations, multidisciplinary teams comprised of medical professionals, Child Protective Services, law enforcement, mental health providers, forensic interviewers, and victim advocates are used to enhance and improve investigations and responses for children and families. Multidisciplinary teams staff child advocacy centers, which are child-friendly facilities where children and families engaged in child abuse investigations can access services (Appendix C: Map of Maryland Child Advocacy Centers). The CHAMP program was developed to provide expert consultation and training to local and regional multidisciplinary teams in the diagnosis and treatment of child physical abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect.

The CHAMP program is led by a faculty of child abuse medical experts who are responsible for recruiting and training a network of providers throughout the State to evaluate and treat cases of child maltreatment. The CHAMP faculty provides ongoing training, consultation, and peer review to local providers; and develops strategies to prevent child abuse and neglect. The Expert Panel has continued to review the activities of the CHAMP program annually. This report covers the FY 2016 activities of the CHAMP program.

## **CHAMP Activities**

During FY 2016, the CHAMP program was administered by the University of Maryland School of Medicine through a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department. Howard Dubowitz, M.D., M.S., Chief of the Division of Child Protection at the School of Medicine, was the Program Director and Chair of the CHAMP faculty. In FY 2016, the CHAMP program maintained a faculty of six child abuse medical experts, and the faculty met once each month to discuss the development of the program. The CHAMP faculty provided training and support in the diagnosis and treatment of child maltreatment to local health care providers, and expert

consultation to State agencies involved in child abuse and neglect investigations, such as Child Protective Services and law enforcement.

During FY 2016, the faculty developed a CHAMP Training Curriculum, which includes a minimum of 40 hours of formal didactic training conducted by board certified child abuse pediatricians. The CHAMP Training Curriculum covers the following topics: sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect, failure to thrive, psychological maltreatment, and legal issues. There is also a preceptorship component to the curriculum, in which students spend 10 hours with a preceptor at the Baltimore Child Advocacy Center, where they observe and evaluate cases with guided instruction. During FY 2016, the CHAMP Training Curriculum was used to train two new providers, one on the Eastern Shore and one in Southern Maryland. Additionally, nine physicians participated as CHAMP network providers in FY 2016 (Appendix E: CHAMP Faculty and Network Providers).

Local CHAMP providers are able to consult with a member of the CHAMP faculty 24 hours per day, seven days per week via a secure, online, HIPAA-compliant program known as TeleCAM. Local CHAMP providers are able to upload case information and images to the secure website, which is accessible only to CHAMP faculty. The faculty reviews the cases and provides evaluation feedback to the local provider. There were approximately 100 new cases posted to TeleCAM during FY 2016.

In addition to providing consultation and peer review via TeleCAM, CHAMP held three half-day provider trainings in FY 2016 to review a variety of child maltreatment topics. These trainings included topics such as “Resiliency in the Workplace,” “Evidence Based Approaches to Mental Healthcare for Maltreated Children,” and “Testifying in Court.” Each training also included a case review session. The case review session is led by a faculty member and is an opportunity for providers to review and discuss cases. The case review session is particularly helpful for those who practice in low-volume jurisdictions and may not have opportunities to assess rare or less common findings in a clinical setting. CHAMP faculty members also presented a set of training sessions geared towards non-medical providers at the 2015 Mid-Atlantic Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect. This annual conference draws multidisciplinary child maltreatment professionals from Maryland and the mid-Atlantic region.

In addition to the three half-day training sessions, CHAMP faculty member Dr. Mitchell Goldstein conducted a training titled “Child Abuse: A Primer for Frontline Nonmedical Professionals.” This training was originally presented to WIC staff and was recorded and placed on the Department’s webpage for other interested professionals. The purpose of this presentation is to help viewers identify the signs of child physical abuse and to determine when to report suspected abuse.

The CHAMP website was moved to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau section of the DHMH webpage during FY 2016 in order to increase accessibility. The website can be found at: <http://phpa.dhmdh.maryland.gov/mch/Pages/MDChamp.aspx>. The website continues to provide resources for health care professionals and the public. The resources include referral guidelines, practice recommendations, training opportunities education and policy resources, child maltreatment referral locations in all Maryland jurisdictions, and mental health and community resources for families.

## **Future Plans**

Effective July 1, 2016, the CHAMP program is administered by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau. The previous Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Maryland School of Medicine was terminated in order to reduce administrative costs and increase the funding available for programmatic improvements. The Maternal and Child Health Bureau is individually contracting with five CHAMP faculty members to provide ongoing training and consultation services. The new program structure allows for significant program advancements, such as the provision of two adult and two pediatric forensic nurse examiner trainings during FY 2017, monthly peer review calls for child abuse medical providers throughout the state, and increased funding available for medical providers who provide child abuse medical evaluations for their local child advocacy centers. For a description of contracts and services, see Appendix F.

The CHAMP faculty will conduct three half-day training sessions in October 2016, and February and June of 2017, as well as one webinar in April 2017, which is Child Abuse Prevention Month. The faculty will continue to provide consultation through TeleCAM, which was recently renamed ProNet.

In October 2016, two CHAMP faculty members will present at the 2016 Mid-Atlantic Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, in Cambridge, Maryland. Presentation topics include: "Strangulation Assessment," "Challenging Cases," "Skin Findings in Child Abuse," and "Fractures." These talks will be geared toward medical and non-medical professionals who respond to allegations of child abuse. CHAMP will be providing Continuing Medical Education (CME) for these sessions in order to increase interest from medical providers.

With support from the Child Health Program Manager, the CHAMP program will continue its recruitment efforts throughout the State. The CHAMP program will also continue to explore opportunities for child maltreatment prevention efforts.

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## **Appendix A**

### **Child Abuse and Neglect Expert Panel Members**

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## Appendix B

### Child Abuse and Neglect by Jurisdiction

#### Maryland Child Welfare Services Data

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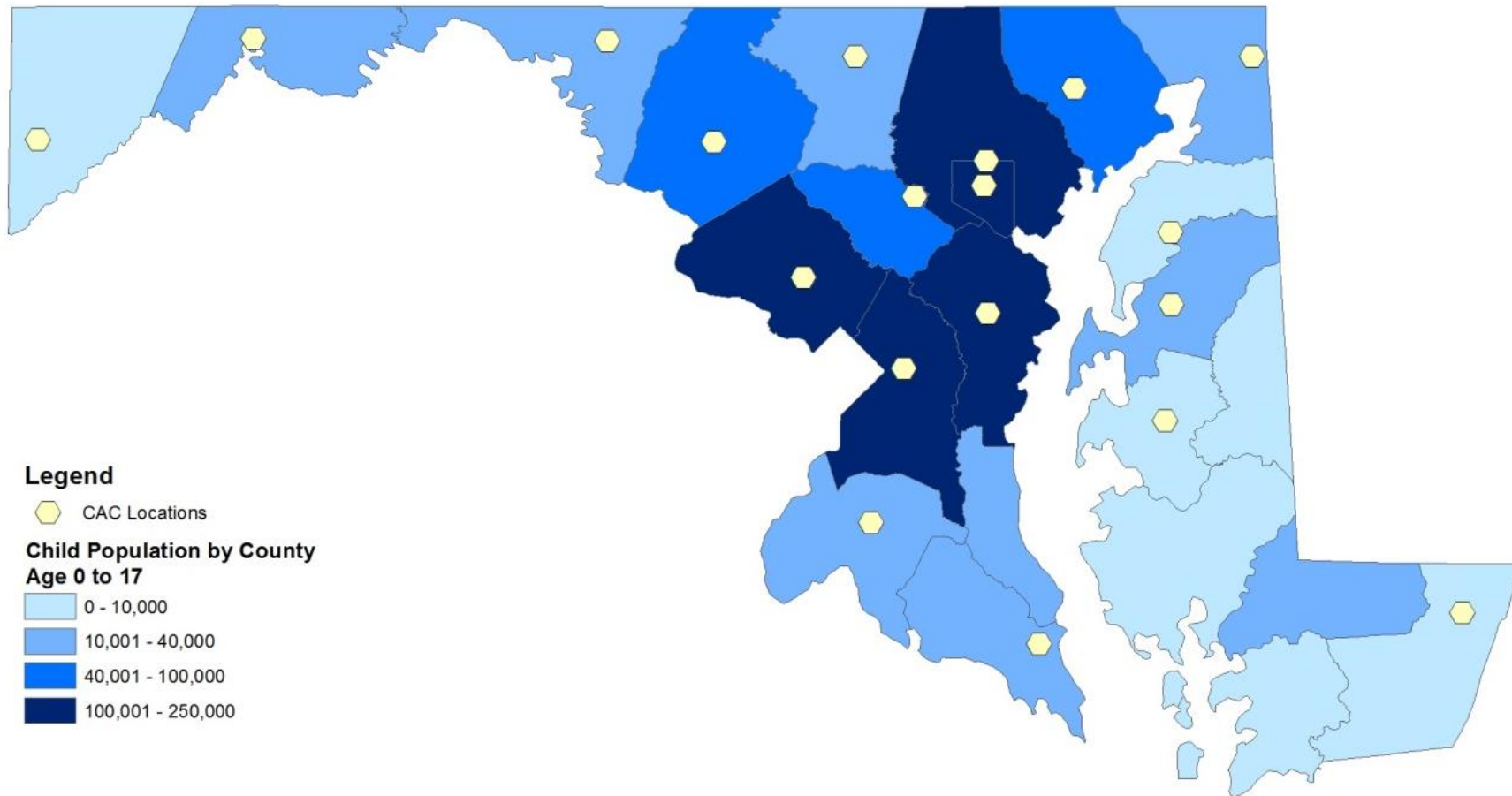
Child Protective Services - New (total)

	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	FY 16 Total
Allegany	42	22	44	30	38	37	34	49	34	60	38	29	457
Anne Arundel	126	116	181	193	173	197	143	179	218	214	192	186	2,118
Baltimore City*	359	352	405	416	375	379	314	369	448	375	469	332	4,593
Baltimore County	142	144	158	197	155	167	138	182	264	222	232	184	2,185
Calvert	19	19	17	26	19	24	11	29	27	23	24	17	255
Caroline	10	13	9	13	9	17	14	5	15	12	16	15	148
Carroll	35	29	54	35	56	54	37	32	61	48	57	48	546
Cecil	36	33	57	48	40	27	35	47	49	44	36	21	473
Charles	36	24	50	77	44	40	41	60	59	63	64	56	614
Dorchester	29	20	27	25	26	21	16	22	30	34	24	20	294
Frederick	42	54	51	49	47	60	51	58	55	61	73	48	649
Garrett	18	7	19	16	25	17	15	16	20	18	21	16	208
Harford	82	96	90	108	97	84	103	111	119	118	111	90	1,209
Howard	28	22	44	34	56	47	32	42	62	47	42	34	490
Kent	3	7	8	4	7	8	12	7	4	7	6	8	81
Montgomery	154	106	205	249	228	237	134	222	216	209	242	200	2,402
Prince George's	140	140	182	189	175	187	137	257	290	216	258	182	2,353
Queen Anne's	5	5	10	5	0	6	9	3	6	11	4	7	71
St. Mary's	27	40	38	45	35	30	24	37	38	38	37	36	425
Somerset	4	10	10	14	9	8	11	7	13	9	20	7	122
Talbot	7	8	5	7	7	7	4	5	6	8	6	4	74
Washington	84	90	74	66	65	59	53	77	76	86	79	47	856
Wicomico	33	29	45	37	28	38	44	41	55	52	44	40	486
Worcester	23	28	23	21	13	15	15	9	26	18	22	24	237
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,484</b>	<b>1,414</b>	<b>1,806</b>	<b>1,904</b>	<b>1,727</b>	<b>1,766</b>	<b>1,427</b>	<b>1,866</b>	<b>2,191</b>	<b>1,993</b>	<b>2,117</b>	<b>1,651</b>	<b>21,346</b>

Source: MD CHESSIE, through August 2013 = Business Objects RE861R; September 2013 and after = Business Objects RE862R

## Appendix C

### Map of Maryland Child Advocacy Centers



## Appendix D

### **CHAMP Faculty and Network Provider Guidelines**

#### ***CHAMP Faculty and Membership Requirements***

##### **CHAMP Faculty Credentials**

CHAMP faculty pediatricians shall:

- Be licensed to practice medicine in Maryland
- Be board certified in child abuse pediatrics
- Have at least five years of experience conducting child abuse evaluations
- Be currently active in child abuse medical evaluations in Maryland

CHAMP faculty nurses shall:

- Be licensed as a registered nurse in Maryland
- Be certified as a nurse practitioner or RN-FNE-A/P in Maryland
- Have at least five years of experience conducting child abuse medical evaluations
- Be currently active in child abuse medical evaluations in Maryland

##### **Maintenance of CHAMP Faculty Designation**

In order to maintain faculty designation, CHAMP faculty shall:

- Maintain required certification and licensure in Maryland
- Provide at least ten child abuse evaluations per year
- Attend at least fifty percent of all CHAMP faculty meetings each year
- Actively participate in a minimum of 4 CHAMP educational or training activities per year. Examples include: Providing a topic presentation, case review session, or TeleCAM instruction at a CHAMP training; providing an educational offering on a child abuse-related topic at other venues reaching Maryland providers, such as the Child Welfare Academy, the Maryland Children's Alliance annual conference, outreach to health care organizations and agencies (hospitals, clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, MCOs, etc.); developing an online CHAMP CME/CEU training module.
- Review a minimum of 10 cases on TeleCAM per year
- Submit required case data and data on CHAMP educational and training activities quarterly

## ***CHAMP Network Provider Requirements***

### **CHAMP Network Provider Credentials**

CHAMP Network Providers shall:

- Be physicians board certified in their respective field and licensed in the state of Maryland OR certified nurse practitioners, physician assistants, or RN-FNE-A/Ps licensed to practice in the state of Maryland
- Complete a core training curriculum developed by the CHAMP faculty
  - Completion of the core curriculum will be waived for pediatricians board certified in child abuse pediatrics
  - Providers who have significant prior experience in providing child abuse medical evaluations will be considered by the faculty for exemption from completion of the core curriculum on a case-by-case basis
- If new to the field, must agree to have all cases seen during the first two years of CHAMP membership reviewed by CHAMP faculty. Questions regarding what constitutes “new to the field” will be resolved together with faculty, and be approached on a case-by-case basis
- Be currently active in child abuse medical evaluations in Maryland

### **Maintenance of CHAMP Network Provider Designation**

In order to maintain Network Provider designation, CHAMP Providers shall:

- Maintain required certification and licensure in Maryland
- Evaluate at least 6 children under age 18 for maltreatment per year, three of which must be under age 13
- Submit all cases with questionable findings or findings indicative of abuse to TeleCAM
- Participate in eight hours of CME/CEU child maltreatment related training annually
- Submit required data quarterly

## Appendix E

### CHAMP Faculty and Network Providers

<b>CHAMP Faculty</b>	<b>County Served</b>
<b>Leena Dev, MD, FAAP</b>	Baltimore City
<b>Howard Dubowitz, MD, MS</b>	Anne Arundel County
<b>Mitchell Goldstein, MD, MBA</b>	*Johns Hopkins Children's Center
<b>Pamela Holtzinger, RN, FNE-A/P</b>	Frederick County
<b>Scott Krugman, MD, MS</b>	*Medstar Franklin Square Medical Center
<b>Wendy Lane, MD, MPH</b>	Howard County
<b>Evelyn Shukat, MD</b>	Montgomery County
<b>Charles Shubin (Emeritus)</b>	*Mercy Medical Center

<b>CHAMP Network Providers</b>	<b>County Served</b>
<b>Richard Porter, DO</b>	Garrett County
<b>Debi Wolford, RN, FNE-A/P</b>	Allegany County
<b>Karla Paylor, MD</b>	Frederick County
<b>Paul Lomonico, MD</b>	Harford County
<b>Steven Breslow, MD</b>	Cecil County
<b>Fredia Wadley, MD</b>	Talbot, Kent, Caroline, Dorchester, and Queen Anne's Counties
<b>Jennifer Wehberg, MD</b>	Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester Counties
<b>Michelle Chudow, MD</b>	Baltimore County
<b>Monet Ouwinga, MD</b>	Charles and Calvert Counties

<b>Maryland Providers Not Currently Affiliated With CHAMP</b>	<b>County Served</b>
<b>Cynthia Roldan, MD</b>	*Carroll Hospital Center
<b>Ruth Dwyer, MD</b>	Washington County

\*Asterisk denotes providers who are affiliated with hospitals only, and do not provide services at a County child advocacy center.

## Appendix F

### Contracts and Services FY 2017

Child Abuse Medical Providers (CHAMP) Contracts and Services	
Vendor Name	Services
The Johns Hopkins University	This contract funds a board certified child abuse pediatrician to coordinate peer review and consultation for providers around the state who evaluate children who may have been abused. This includes coordinating monthly peer review calls and maintaining/troubleshooting the TeleCAM consultation system.
Chesapeake Health Education Program Inc.	This contract covers CME accreditation for up to 19 hours of child abuse medical training.
Frederick Memorial Hospital	This contract funds a consultant to do four forensic nurse trainings- two adult and two pediatric. The trainings are conducted by an experienced FNE-P in line with requirements of the Maryland Board of Nursing.
Medstar Franklin Square Medical Center	This contract funds the development of a recruitment and transition plan for CHAMP providers. The consultant will develop a recruitment plan to find new providers in jurisdictions that do not have access to a CHAMP provider. The consultant will also provide services at child advocacy centers when necessary and assist in succession planning for providers who are close to retirement.
University of Maryland Baltimore	This contract funds two board certified child abuse pediatricians to conduct four quarterly half-day CHAMP training sessions for physicians and FNEs who examine and evaluate children who may have been abused. The two pediatricians will also be responsible for teaching the 40+ hour CHAMP curriculum to providers who are new to this field.